

The quota for Delhi has been fixed on the basis of its average off-take in the past.

(b) Sugar quota is allotted to licensed sugar dealers. There is no further control over distribution of sugar in Delhi nor any difference between mode of distribution amongst urban and rural people.

National Nutrition Advisory Committee

1803. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 931 on the 31st August, 1960 and state the nature of Government's decisions on the recommendations made by the National Nutrition Advisory Committee?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): The Government have not yet taken final decisions on the recommendations made by the National Nutrition Advisory Committee.

Morbidity Survey of Government Employees in Delhi

1804. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 938 on the 31st August, 1960 and state:

(a) the progress made so far in the morbidity survey for Government employees; and

(b) when it is likely to be completed?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) The work of arranging about one lakh family cards, dispensary-wise, was completed by August, 1960. Out of this, 7,000 families from amongst those registered in 10 selected dispensaries have been selected at random. In October, 1960 house to house verification was started and this work is still in progress. As a part of the Morbidity Survey, a follow-up study of growth of infants and toddlers has also been started in September, 1960. This

work is expected to be completed by the middle of December, 1960.

(b) The first phase of the Survey that is the collection of sickness data of the selected families for one year is likely to be completed by the end of 1961. The second phase i.e. collection of information regarding home surroundings, socio-economic conditions and continuous follow-up for about one year will be completed by the end of 1962.

Willingdon Hospital, New Delhi

1805. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pressure of indoor patients in the Willingdon Hospital is far greater than the number of beds available;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to cope with the needs of patients; and

(c) whether the condition of other hospitals in Delhi is better than that of the Willingdon Hospital in regard to overcrowding of indoor patients?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes.

(b) The present bed strength is 240 and it is proposed to increase the bed strength of the hospital by another 500 beds, in stages, during the Third Five Year Plan.

(c) Conditions in other hospitals in Delhi in respect of overcrowding are similar.

Steel for Agricultural Purposes

1806. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that agriculturists are not the beneficiaries of the quota of steel earmarked for them; and

(b) if so, how Government propose to rectify the situation?